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**Reply to:** 3400 Forest Pest Management **Date:** 12/4/87

**Subject:** Gypsy Moth Egg Mass Detection Survey

**To:** Jim Page, Forest Supervisor
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We would like to inform you and your staff of recent egg mass findings in the Dolly Sods Wilderness area. In the past weeks we have found three new egg masses in the area (refer to enclosed map). One egg mass was detected while placing banding material at a site across FS RT 19 from the South Prong Trialhead (TR 517). Another egg mass was sited along FS RT 19 between the banding site and the Dolly Sods Picnic Area. Alvey Tustin, PPQ Officer, USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, found one egg mass on the womens restroom at the Dolly Sods Picnic area. Earlier this season we found an egg mass on the eastern slope of the Allgheny Mt. just past Bear Rocks.

It is quite obvious that the gypsy moth populations in this area are increasing enough to show visible signs of breeding populations. We feel that this trend will continue and egg mass numbers will increase. We plan to continue banding site placements and searchs for egg masses in the area. If any new information should arise I will relay this information to you.

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Enclosure

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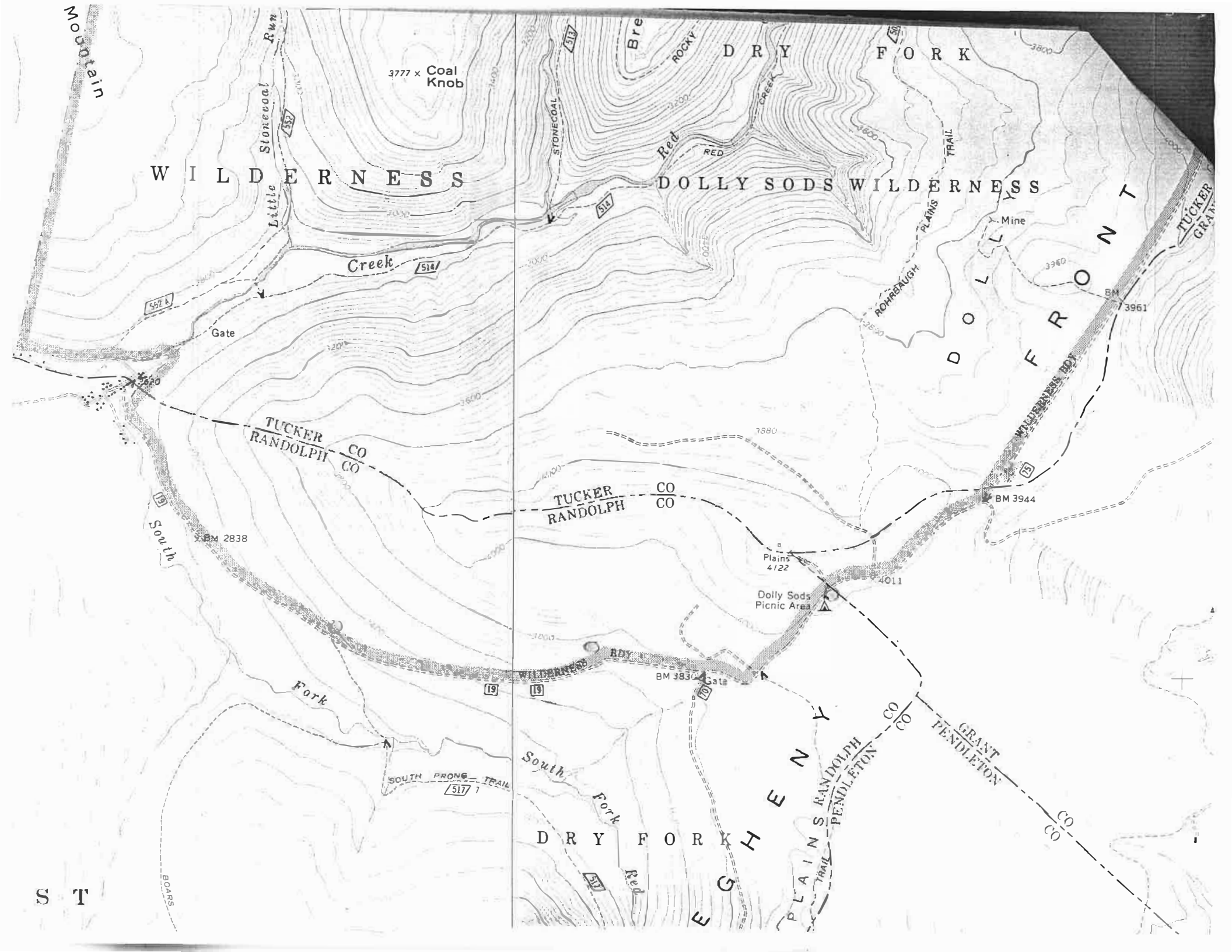
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